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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following claim amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.